(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received number of suggestions from various State Governments on the Sarkaria Commission Report-1983; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (d) The Government of India had in June, 1983 constituted a Commission under the chairmanship of Justice R.S. Sarkaria to examine and review the working of the arrangements between the Union and States in regard to powers, functions and responsibilities in all spheres and recommend such changes or other measures as may be appropriate. In its report submitted in 1988, the Commission made 247 recommendations. The Inter-State Council, which includes all the Chief Ministers and Administrators of States and Union Territories respectively, has considered and taken a final view on all the recommendatiosn through consensus. Government has accepted and implemented 179 recommendations which were accepted by the Inter-State Council. 65 recommendations were either not accepted by the Inter-State Council or the Union Government.

Talks on Kashmir issue

1691. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any breakthrough has been managed to be achieved by Government in their talks with the organizations in the Jammu and Kashmir towards reaching a solution on the Kashmir issue;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh met a delegation of All Party Hurriyat Conference (APHC) led by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on September 5, 2005. Thereafter he met a delegation led by People's Conference Chairman Shri Sajjad Lone

on January 14, 2006 and a delegation led by Yasin Malik, Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front, on February 17, 2006. The Prime Minister also held a Round Table Conference on Jammu and Kashmir on February 25, 2006, in which a broad spectrum of political groups and representatives of various sections of civil society from the State participated. During the talks, the Prime Minister reaffirmed his faith in a peaceful resolution of all issues pertaining to Jammu and Kashmir and reiterated the Government's stance that violence has no role in a democracy. The participants also stressed that an honourable and durable solution should be found through dialogue. It was also agreed to carry forward the dialogue process so that all regions and all shades of political opinion in Jammu and Kashmir are involved.

Financial assistance for Welfare Associations

1692. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Welfare Associations duly registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 in various Sectors and Blocks of Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, Sector-wise and Block-wise;

(b) whether any of them are in receipt of the Financial Assistance for the Welfare of such Associations from Government or many other source through NGOs working for them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof Sector-wise and Block-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) As per information given by Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, there are 23 Welfare Associations registered under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 in various Sectors and Blocks of Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. The list is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.